

The Gospel of
JOHN
Chapters I-10


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Increasing Conflict
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Quick Review

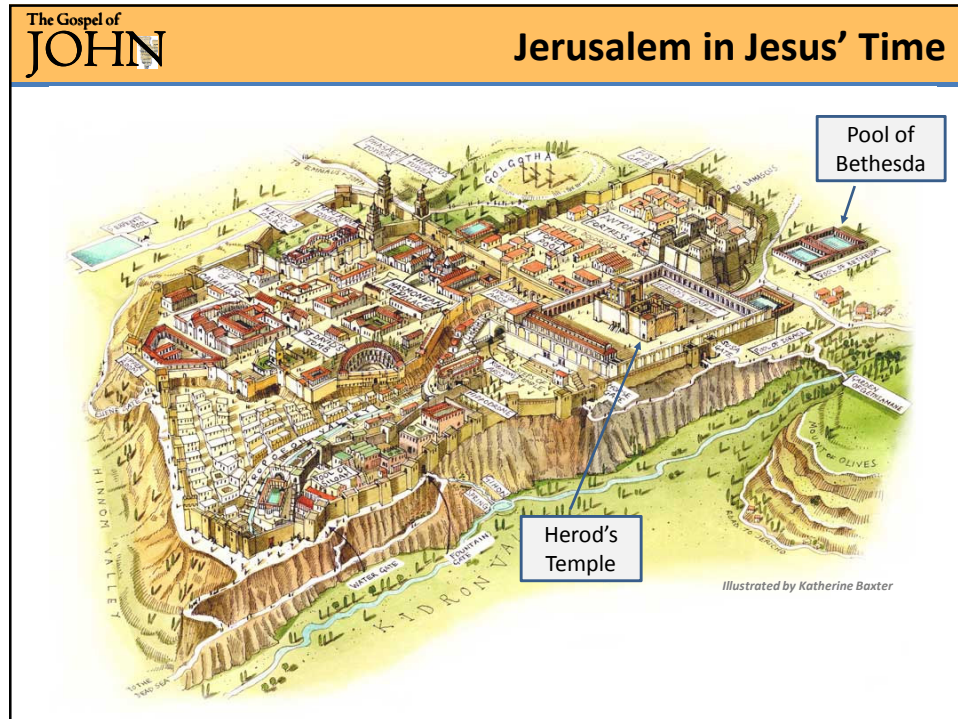
- Purpose in writing
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Increasing Conflict (7:1-24)

- "My time has not yet come" (7:1-10)
- "Jews sought Him at the feast" (7:11-13)
- "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me" (7:14-24)

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The Gospel of **JOHN** **“My time has not yet come”**

John 7:1-5 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

(2) Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. (3) His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. (4) For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." (5) For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

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“My time has not yet come”

John 7:6-10 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. (7) The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. (8) You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

(9) When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. (10) But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

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Jewish Feasts in John’s Gospel

Passover feasts mentioned in John

John 2:13 Now the **Passover** of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 6:4 Now the **Passover**, a feast of the Jews, was near.

John 11:55 And the **Passover** of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

John’s account in Chapter 7 puts these events within 6 months of Jesus’ crucifixion.

Other feasts mentioned in John

John 7:2 Now the Jews' **Feast of Tabernacles** was at hand.

John 10:22 Now it was the **Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

Deuteronomy 16:16 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the **Feast of Tabernacles**; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.


We do not know which Jewish Feast to which John is referring in Chapter 5:1

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Jewish Feast of Tabernacles

"The most joyous of all festive seasons in Israel was that of the 'Feast of Tabernacles.' It fell on a time of year when the hearts of the people would naturally be full of thankfulness, gladness and expectancy. All the crops had been long stored; and now all fruits were also gathered, the vintage past, and the land only awaited the softening and refreshment of the 'latter rain,' to prepare it for a new crop." (Edersheim)



Leviticus 23:42-43 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, (43) that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.' "

"Three things specially marked the Feast of Tabernacles: its joyous festivities, the dwelling in 'booths', and the peculiar sacrifices and rites of the week." (Edersheim)

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"My time has not yet come"

1. What did Jesus' brothers urge Him to do (3-4)? What is John's explanation of their proposal (5)?

- Why are you still in Galilee? Go to the capital city and show everyone who you are.
- "Show yourself to the world" (4)
- "Thinking from an earthly viewpoint, they reasoned that if He wanted recognition, He needed to go to Jerusalem and work miracles before the crowds." (Harkrider)
- John recorded- "For even His brothers did not believe."
- These brothers clearly recognized that Jesus was doing miraculous things but no clear understanding of what His mission was. If He was truly the Messiah, why will He not publically manifest Himself to the world?
- **God's way of manifesting His son's glory is through the cross- 6 months away**

John 6:15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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JOHN **“My time has not yet come”**

2. What is the reason, that Jesus states, that the world hates Him (7)?

The world cannot hate you - You profess no principles in opposition to the world. You do not excite its envy, or rouse against you the civil rulers..... As you possess the same spirit and principles with the men of the world, they cannot be expected to hate you. (Barnes)

I testify of it - I bear witness against it- This was the main cause of the opposition which was made to him. (Barnes)

Those of the world, even Jesus’ followers, think and live as part of the world. These brothers could come and go as they please without the Jewish rulers threatening them.

Jesus, however, exposed the sins of men..... for this he was hated

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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3. What did Jesus mean when He told His brothers that His “time has not yet come” (6)?

- His brothers could come and go as they pleased- they were not hated like Jesus
- Although the language is not exactly as His later comments speaking of His “hour” of fulfilled prophecy, I believe Jesus was still referring to a higher event.
- He was correct in stating that He cannot freely go into Jerusalem without being mobbed, but I believe He is reiterating that God is in control, not some Jewish leaders trying to catch Jesus in a trap.

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JOHN **“Jews sought Him at the feast”**

John 7:11-13 Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" (12) And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." (13) However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

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4. Why did no one speak “openly” concerning Jesus (13; see also 5:16-18 and 9:22)? Can you see an application in our actions today?

- *Jewish pilgrims from all parts of the country had ascended upon Jerusalem*
- *Jesus was expected to be at the feast*
- *He waited to appear half way through the festival events*
- *There were quiet controversies about Jesus- pros and cons weighed with confused discussion*
- *These discussions were not discussed openly for fear of the Jewish leaders (John 9:22)*
- *It is interesting that the Jewish leaders were also afraid of how the people would react to their actions toward Jesus..... Matt 21:26*
- *Why are we afraid to speak?*

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JOHN **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me”**

John 7:14-18 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

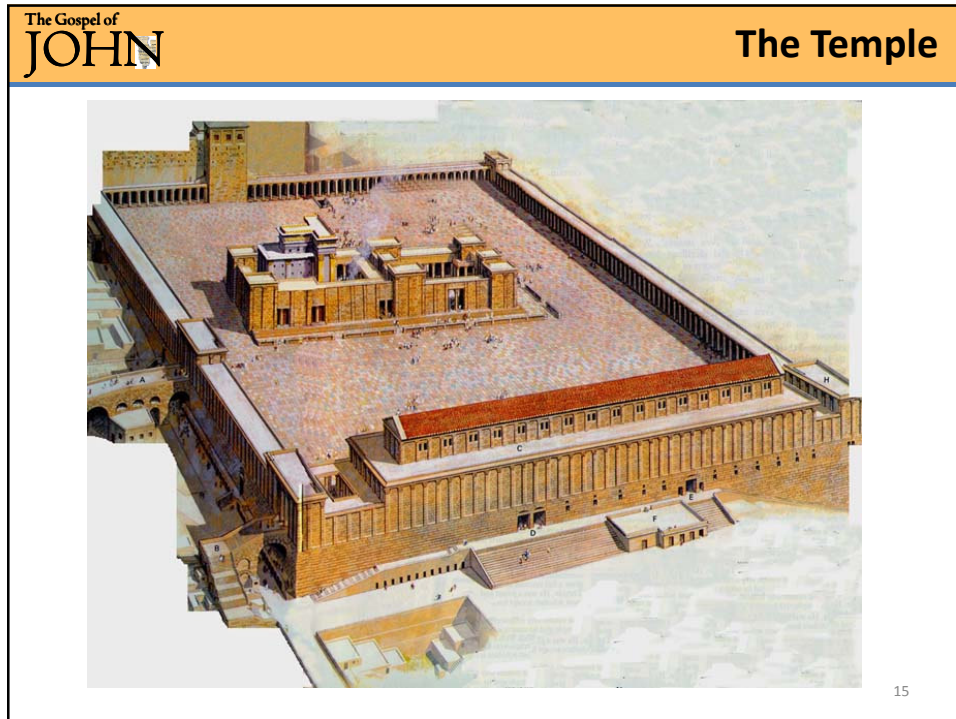
(15) And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" (16) Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. (17) If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. (18) He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

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John 7:19-24 Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" (20) The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" (21) Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. (22) Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. (23) If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? (24) Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

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The Gospel of **JOHN** “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me”

5. Why did the Jews marvel when Jesus spoke (15) and what do you think this meant?

John 7:15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man **know letters**, having never studied?"

- **Letters (gramma)**- *learned literature taught under the Schools of the Rabbis.*
- *Schools of Rabbis derived authority from the fact of its accordance with tradition- that it accurately represented what had been received from a previous great teacher, and so on upwards to Moses, and to God Himself. (Edersheim)*
- *Jesus states once again, that He has received the authority of His actions and doctrine from the same source that Moses did; from God Himself.*

Acts 22:3 "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

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6. How did Jesus explain that the Jews were judging themselves according to their superficial stipulations of the Sabbath when they judged His actions of healing a man on the Sabbath (21-23)?

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*.....it is evident that the keeping of the Sabbath, even in the strictest sense of the word, ever **admitted of the works of necessity and mercy to be done on it; and that those who did not perform such works on that day, when they had opportunity, were properly violators of every law founded on the principles of mercy and justice.** If the Jews had said, Why didst thou not defer the healing of the sick man till the ensuing day? He might have well answered, Why do ye not defer the circumcising of your children to the ensuing day, when the eighth day happens to be a Sabbath? - which is a matter of infinitely less consequence than the restoration of this long-afflicted man. (Clarke)*

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John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 "You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. (19) You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. (20) You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Do not twist the evidence to make the verdict come out the way you want it to. Judge righteously.

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“That you may believe”

John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written **that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

We have entered the last 6 months of Jesus’ life. He will aggressively challenge every heart to clearly state who He is so when He is crucified, all should recognize that God in the flesh lived upon this earth. He is the Christ, the Messiah, the Prophet and Priest as prophesied.


Many heard His claims and saw His wonders. John recorded these words to provide spiritual growth to those who already knew Jesus; those baptized believers..... just like us today.

How can we react to these stories with such callousness? When we take our responsibilities lightly and place our worldly schedules ahead of what we know we ought to do, **we are in effect showing we do not truly believe.**

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Next Week: John 7:25-52



“No man ever spoke like this Man!”

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